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1. SUMMARY: BEFORE INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE OF BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG LANDTAG RE STAMMHEIM PRISON "SCANDALS", FEDERAL ATTORNEY GENERAL REBMANN DECLARED JANUARY 12 THAT HIS OFFICE NOW HAS DEFINITE PROOF THAT WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES WITH WHICH THREE STAMMHEIM PRISONERS COMMITTED SUICIDE, HAD BEEN SMUGGLED INTO PRISON BY THEIR DEFENSE LAWYERS. HE INDICATED IT COULD BE PROVED WITHOUT DOUBT THAT PRISON PERSONNEL HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH PROCUREMENT OF WEAPONS, AND THAT PRISONERS HAD WITHOUT DOUBT COMMITTED SUICIDE. LOCAL MEDIA HAS POINTED OUT  
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THAT THIS SHOULD HELP TO COUNTER INTERNATIONAL PRESS ALLEGATIONS AND SUSPICIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON JANUARY 12, FEDERAL ATTORNEY GENERAL DR. KURT REBMANN MADE SPECTACULAR STATEMENT THAT HIS OFFICE NOW HAS PROOF THAT EXPLOSIVES AND THE WEAPONS WITH WHICH THE THREE STAMMHEIM PRISONERS GUDRUN ENSSLIN, ANDREAS

BAADER, AND JAN CARL RASPE HAD COMMITTED SUICIDE ON OCTOBER 18, 1977, HAD BEEN SMUGGLED INTO PRISON BY THEIR DEFENSE LAWYERS ARNDT MUELLER AND ARMIN NEWERLA. REBMANN DEMONSTRATED HOW THE LOWER PART OF THE LAWYERS' FILES HAD BEEN CUT OUT TO MAKE ROOM FOR PISTOLS OR EXPLOSIVES AND HOW THEY HAD BEEN GLUED TOGETHER AGAIN. WHEN LAWYERS' FILES WERE SUPERFICIALLY LEAFED THROUGH AT ENTRANCE OF PRISON, PRISON PERSONNEL DID NOT DETECT THE HIDDEN MATERIAL WHICH THE LAWYERS COULD EXCHANGE WITH THEIR DEFENDANTS WHO WERE NOT SEARCHED AFTER THEIR LAWYERS' VISIT. PROCEDURE HAD BEEN TRIED OUT FIRST WITH THE MINOX CAMERA WHICH HAD BEEN SMUGGLED IN TO ANDREAS BAADER IN THE AUTUMN OF 1976 AND WHICH HAD LATER BEEN FOUND WITH HIM. SOME OF THE EXPLOSIVES HAD ALSO BEEN BROUGHT INTO PRISON IN NEWERLA'S UNDERWEAR.

3. REBMANN STATED THAT HIS OFFICE HAD EXACT KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THIS, AS WELL AS ABOUT A WHOLE NET OF HIDING PLACES AND SHOOTING TRAINING GROUNDS OF TERRORISTS IN AREA AROUND STUTTGART, FROM STATEMENTS OF INFORMANTS WHO HAD BEEN ARRESTED ON THE GROUNDS OF HAVING SUPPORTED A CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION. HINTS FROM THESE INFORMANTS ALSO GUIDED AUTHORITIES TO THE COLT REVOLVER AND EXPLOSIVES WHICH WERE DETECTED IN THE STAMMHEIM PRISON MOST RECENTLY. THE SAME INFORMANTS ALSO MENTIONED THAT EX-LAWYER CROISSANT'S OFFICE HAD BEEN THE CENTER OF ORGANIZATION FRO THESE ACTIONS. REBMANN DID NOT REVEAL THE NAMES OF THE INFORMANTS IN ORDER NOT TO ENDANGER THEM.

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4. REBMANN APPEALED TO ALL FURTHER SUPPORTERS OF THE LEFT-EXTREMIST SCENE WHO MIGHT NOW FEAR IDENTIFICATION IN CONNECTION WITH ARREST OF INFORMANTS, NOT TO GO UNDERGROUND BUT TO REPORT TO POLICE. AT PRESENT, THEY COULD EXPECT IMPRISONMENT OF BETWEEN ONE AND FIVE YEARS AS HELPERS; IF THEY WENT UNDERGROUND NOW, THEY WOULD LATER BE FORCED TO MURDER.

5. THE FEDERAL PROSECUTOR EMPHASIZED THAT EXACT KNOWLEDGE OF HOW WEAPONS HAD BEEN SMUGGLED IN AS WELL AS ABOUT HIDING AND SHOOTING PLACES LEAVE NO DOUBT THAT WEAPONS HAD REALLY BEEN "ORDERED" BY DEFENDANTS AND THAT THEY HAD REALLY COMMITTED SUICIDE.

6. COMMENT: DURING CONGEN CALL ON JUSTICE MINISTER PALM EARLIER SAME DAY, PALM GAVE A PREVIEW OF REBMANN'S REVALATIONS AND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT SUSPICION OF INVOLVEMENT OF PRISON PERSONNEL IN DEATH OF THREE TERRORISTS HAD CLEARLY BEEN ELIMINATED. IN ADDITION, HE INDICATED THAT THE EXPLOSION IN CROISSANT OFFICE LAST AUGUST (77 STUTTGART 1374) WAS RESULT OF MISFIRE OF ONE OF ATTORNEY'S OWN "PACKAGES" AND NOT FROM "RIGHT WING" ELEMENTS AS CHARGED BY CROISSANT ASSOCIATES. STUTT-

GART MEDIA ALSO REACTED WITH RELIEF, BUT STILL CRITICIZED  
SUPERFICIAL CHECKING OF DEFENSE LAWYERS' FILES. IT HAS ALSO  
EXPRESSED VIEW THAT MOST SIGNIFICANT RESULT OF REBMANN'S REVE-  
LATONS WILL BE TO LAY TO REST INTERNATIONAL SUSPICIONS AND  
ALLEGATIONS THAT STAMMHEIM "POLITICAL PRISONERS" WERE LIQUI-  
DATED BY GERMAN AUTHORITIES. BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG CDU GOVERNMENT  
SEES ITS REQUEST FOR SUPERVISION OF LAWYER-DEFENDANT RELATONS  
IN TERRORIST CASES AS JUSTIFIED. HOWEVER, LOCAL PRESS COMMEN-  
TARY ACCEPTS DEMONSTRATION OF NEED FOR SCREEN SEPARATING PRIS-  
ONERS AND ATTORNEYS TO PREVENT SMUGGLING OF ITEMS, BUT NOT  
NECESSARILY THE MONITORING OF CONVERSATIONS.  
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